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STAT 12. [] Talked with Mr. Gellman on the staff of House Banking and Currency Committee, to get further information on the moves within the Committee to request the Agency to testify on the Fiat deal. Thereafter, I discussed this matter with the Chairman of the Committee, Representative Wright Patman. I explained to him that we, of course, had no policy role in this matter and had prepared factual material at the request of the Department of State. I further indicated that all of the information that we have on this subject is available to DOD, Commerce, and State and that there is no substantially new or different information other than that contained in the Ashley Subcommittee report. Therefore, the Director did not believe that any useful purpose would be served by testifying since there was nothing additional to report. Mr. Patman stated that he also felt that there was no purpose in the Agency testifying but indicated some of the Republican members were pushing this. This will be taken up in executive session with the Committee tomorrow. Mr. Patman said he would do what he could for us.

Subsequently, Mr. Macomber, State Department, contacted me to review the situation discussed in the above entry. He indicated that Mr. Reuss, the senior member of the Committee, had hoped the Agency would be in a position to state that no useful purpose would be served by testifying. I then explained to Mr. Macomber the thrust of my conversation with Mr. Patman. Mr. Macomber thought this was excellent and thanked me in effect for doing what he had wished us to do prior to his asking us.

STAT 13. [] Talked to Representative Wright Patman about the applicant, []. I indicated we had had him out to the Agency for interviews and that [] apparently had not really made up his own mind as to what he might like to do. I told Representative Patman that I talked to the young man late last week who informed me he was going to Rome on business for about a month and would be back in touch upon his return. Mr. Patman was most grateful for our continued interest in this and thanked me for advising him of the situation. STAT

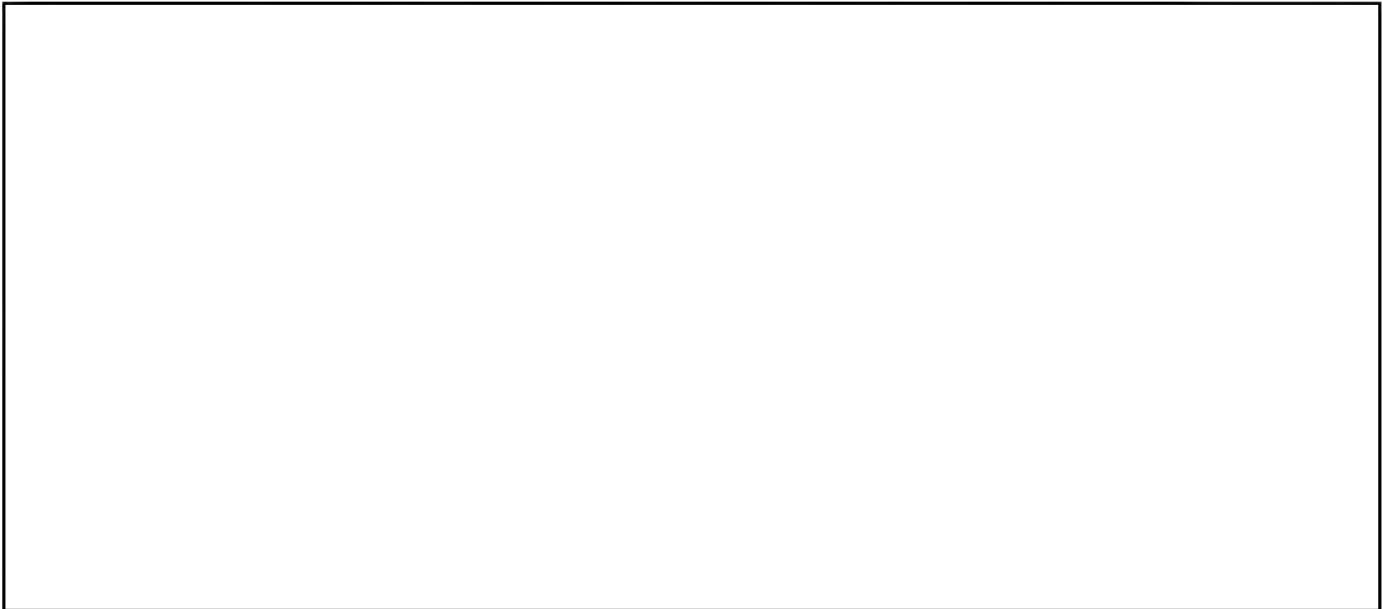
STAT 14. [] Met with Bill Spell, in the office of Senator John Stennis, and provided him with some material on the pros and cons of the student controversy in response to an inquiry the Senator had received from [] a student at the Meridian State College. STAT

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25X1 15. [] Obtained, on a loan basis, from the
Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee staff, copies of the last
25X1 three days of the NASA authorization hearings. These have been forwarded
to [] DD/S&T.



25X1 17. [] In response to our previous conversations,
I advised Richard Cook, Minority Clerk of the House Banking and Currency
Committee, of Mr. Warner's conversations with Mr. Gellman, of the
staff, and with Chairman Patman on the subject of the Director's possible
appearance before the Committee. Cook thanked me for this information and
it was agreed we would await developments tomorrow.

25X1 18. [] Arrangements were made, through Mr.
25X1 [], Liaison Staff, who in turn is in touch with DIA, for Bill Lewis,
Administrative Assistant to Senator Margaret Chase Smith, to visit the
Agency for a briefing session at 10:30 on Tuesday, 9 May.